

REMARKS

Claims 6-13, 15-20, and 22-27 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claim 27 has been amended and claims 14, 21, 28, and 29 have been canceled. The cancellation of claims 14, 21, 28, and 29 is made without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Claim 27 has been amended to correct informalities. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments introduce no new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 14, 21, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants note that claims 14, 21, and 28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate that claims 6-13, 15-20, and 22-27 are allowed. Applicants does not dedicate the subject matter of any canceled claim to the public and reserves the right to file a continuation application for the subject matter of any canceled claim or any subject matter disclosed but not claimed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

If an extension of time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application and is not filed herewith, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 14-0112. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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